

Utah Board of Juvenile Justice Minutes

Committee	Utah Board of Juvenile Justice
Date	Thursday June 18, 2015
Time	8:00am – 9:30 a.m.
Location	Utah State Capitol Complex, East Building, Aspen Room
Members Present	Chief Steve Anjewierden, Matthew Davies, Gini Highfield, Anthony Johnson, Spencer Larsen, Brent Platt, Troy Rawlings, James Toledo for Shirlee Silversmith, Pam Vickrey
Members Excused	Pat Berckman, Chris Crowder, Nindy Le, Rachael Skidmore, Debbie Whitlock , Van Nguyen
Members Absent	Patrick Garcia
Staff	Toni Gray, Jo Lynn Kruse, Cuong Nguyen, Doreen Weyland Visitors: Salt Lake County Councilwoman Jenny Wilson
Agenda Item	Welcome and Chair's Report
Notes	<p>Gini Highfield called the meeting to order in Spencer Larsen's absence and welcomed everyone, including Salt Lake County Councilwoman Jenny Wilson, who is observing today. Introductions were made around the table. Matt Davies made the motion to approve the May meeting minutes. Brent Platt seconded the motion which passed unanimously.</p> <p>Membership Update – The executive committee needs to decide on a new Vice Chair. The Board is still in need of two additional youth members and discussed ways to enlist youth members, including the ability of high school students to receive credit for time served on the Board, and recruiting from U of U psychology or sociology students. Matt volunteered to see if he can enlist youth from O & A.</p> <p>Judge Michie has submitted a resignation letter dated June 1, 2015 to Governor Herbert and Cuong. In the letter, Judge Michie expressed that there was a concern about the involvement of and advice from a juvenile judge without an "appearance" that the view represents that of the juvenile bench or the court on a legislative issue. The concern is about a judge representing the judiciary to a Board that advises both the Governor and the Legislature on policy issues. Judge Michie highlighted in his letter that the Board is increasingly focusing on broader change in policy and legislative issues. Judge Michie pointed out that the Board is shifting its focus due to diminishing federal funding to support juvenile justice programming. This brings the concern about how a judge can be effective in providing individual input without the "appearance" that he/she is representing the judicial branch. For this reason, Judge Michie has determined it is in the best interest of the Board that he submits his letter of resignation.</p> <p>Gini, on behalf of the Board, expressed appreciation and thanked Judge Michie for his service and leadership. Certainly the Board will miss Judge Michie's input and leadership. Gini pointed out that the representation of a juvenile judge on the Board is critical. Discussion followed on how the Board can balance the involvement and expertise of the judicial voice without the appearance of crossing the boundary in the three branches of government. The Board has asked Cuong to personally reach out to Judge Michie to thank him for his service and ask if there is any input for a future judge to fully participate without the "appearance" concern as stated above. Cuong said he will contact Judge Michie and will provide a report at next meeting.</p> <p>Title II Grant – Full grant application for the 2015-2016 Compliance Monitoring (CM) Program and Jail Removal were sent to the Board. The CM program was approved at May's meeting with a condition for the Board to fully review the grant. Gini asked if there were any concerns or questions regarding the grants and asked for a motion to approve. The Jail Removal Program request is for \$22,000. Pam Vickrey made the motion to approve the Jail Removal Program. Troy Rawlings seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Matt Davies abstained.</p>
Agenda Item	CJJ Annual Conference Report (tape 27:30)

Notes	Anthony Johnson stated that the biggest thing he gained from the conference is that so many boards across the country are directly involved with youth. Anthony thinks we need to be more vigilant in enlisting more youth members to the Board and that we should also sponsor more events than DTWT. One suggestion for an event we could sponsor could be a police event every quarter to have kids interact with law enforcement in a fun and positive way, i.e. bowling for example. Possible funding sources for this type of event could be city organizations, and local police. Another suggestion was to include parents in these activities.
Agenda Item	Legislative Process and Involvement (tape 55:00)
Notes	<p>Doreen Weyland, the JRI coordinator for CCJJ, gave a presentation titled <i>The Legislative Process & UBJJ Involvement</i>. She noted that if UBJJ wants to be perceived as “expertise oriented”, there are a lot of things that can be done prior to the legislative session. In order to establish reputation and presence, the Board can conduct activities such as making phone calls/sending emails, reviewing/proposing legislation and inviting legislators to meetings or conferences. One specific suggestion was to invite a senator or house representative to the DTWT Awards Luncheon.</p> <p>Doreen suggested Board members become familiar with the legislative website, www.le.utah.gov and showed how to track and review bills, read legislative and committee calendars, view legislative audits, listen to audio/video of hearings and access to mobile apps. She also discussed how to establish credibility and develop trust. One important piece of advice was “know your audience.” And finally, coordinate with CCJJ on any potential concerns or legislation proposed by the Board.</p>
Agenda Item	SB 167 Working Group Report (tape 1:30)
Notes	<p>Pam shared that since her last report, the Working Group is working on submitting a grant application to OJJDP Smart on Juvenile Justice grant that is very much aligned with what the Working Group is trying to accomplish. Pam is drafting the narrative of the grant with Cuong’s support. Pam is also working to generate letters of support across the juvenile justice spectrum for this grant. The deadline is June 25, 2015. New partners have been identified including the University of Utah College of Law and Tribal Nations. Pam will contact these two entities for letters of support.</p> <p>The working group is also tasked with developing a strategy for moving forward with education about this new legislation. Work is currently underway to draft the education message.</p>
Next Meeting	The next meeting is scheduled from 8:00 am to 9:30 am, Thursday, August 20, 2015, Farmington Juvenile Court House.

Minutes prepared by Jo Lynn Kruse – Administrative Assistant